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 Subject: Re: Briefing on Donlin?

Hi Mahri,

Perhaps part of the confusion is that there will be no EPA led G2G on this project as there is no EPA led action. So, while it is important to understand the larger picture there is no direct tribal liaison work related to EPA's involvement in this project. If we get funds to do a mining training, then helping to coordinate that - finding the appropriate time, getting the word out, etc will be helpful.

Clearly, if you are hearing concerns from tribal governments then sharing those with Mark and myself is helpful, but we are not soliciting this information.

As Mark stated, we are encouraging tribes to work directly with the decision making authorities. There will not be an invitation to consult that goes out to the tribes from EPA. The US Army Corps is and will continue to consult with the tribes on this project, throughout the entire process.

Now, from time to time EPA gets requests from tribal governments to consult (even on projects where the Agency does not have a direct decision making role). We consider these requests on a case by case basis. We are encouraging the tribes to work directly with the lead Agency and other agencies that have direct permitting roles in this project. As Mark stated we are providing support to the Corps on the development of the EIS based on our expertise and oversight authorities.

If you want to listen in on the Anchorage meeting that should be fine, assuming Sally concurs. I would like to attend this meeting and have not yet had a chance to discuss this with Sally. If you make comments as Joe Citizen, you might want to get advice from our ethics official.

As Mark stated I will work to involve the TCs as appropriate and applicable and if needed I will develop a roles/expectations document that helps clarify this for all TC's.

Thanks! Tami

Mahri Lowinger---01/03/2013 10:40:38 AM---Thanks Mark. Happy New Year to you too!! (b) (6)

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Thanks Mark. Happy New Year to you too!! By the way, I love your new office (you made out on that one).

The TC's serving Tribes on the Kusko. include myself, Adrienne, Santana and Katherine Brown (in R10). Attached is the chart of Tribes per PO. Thought this might be helpful.

I just printed out the schedule on Donlin's website. However I still feel a bit unaware of the details of the process (I'm a little confused about what the scoping process actually entails and how that differs or is the same as G2G and when that would happen). I apologize if I've asked these questions before, but it just wasn't a reality until now. And I'm not sure if it's best to ask you or Tami.

In looking at the schedule of meetings online I'm also curious about whether we are able to attend the Jan. 22 meeting here in ANC at 6 pm at the library, either to listen in wearing EPA hats or as Joe Citizen?

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Mark Jen---01/03/2013 10:19:14 AM---Hi Mahri, Happy New Year to you! Hope you enjoyed the holidays!

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Hi Mahri,

Happy New Year to you! Hope you enjoyed the holidays!

I have a meeting with managers tomorrow morning to discuss the ARE travel funding for the Donlin Gold Project. Given our current budget situation, I am not certain how much, if any, travel funds will be provided to the Donlin Team to attend the Scoping meetings and/or to conduct a Tribal Mining Training in the YK region this Spring. Since EPA is not the lead agency on this project, our managers may decide that the ARE travel funding priority may be lower. We will see what happens.

In regards to the Scoping comments, since the Corps is the lead on this EIS, it is the lead agency's role to provide Tribes with a briefing on the Donlin Project, which the Corps plans to do at the Scoping meetings and during G2G consultations. EPA is a Cooperating Agency on this project, and we are here to assist the Corps in the development of the EIS. We should encourage the Tribes to work directly with the Corps on the Donlin Project. We will be providing our scoping comments directly to the Corps. The Tribes should also provide their comments directly to the Corps.

I apologize if the ball got dropped. Since I am not familiar with which TCs cover which geographic areas of the State, I asked Tami if should would coordinate with the TCs who's tribes would be affected by the Donlin Project. I will continue to coordinate with Tami to provide updates to the TCs. I hope this is workable with the TCs.

I am working at home today, but if you would like to discuss this further, please drop by tomorrow. Thanks!

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I just came across Georgetown's environmental blog and see that comments are due on the EIS by March 29, 2013.

How come no one here in TTAU was notified? Will we have a briefing soon or any info. to share with Tribes? At the very least, I think the PO's should be aware of this and kept in the loop. Feels like the ball got dropped.

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